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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Donald Staples, 39, Phillips, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to two years of probation for making false entries into records of the U.S. Postal Service. Staples pleaded guilty to the charge on October 10, 2007.

From November 2005 to February 2006, Staples used his position as an employee of the Madison Post Office to convert funds belonging to the post office for his own use. He then tried to conceal his activity by making false entries into post office records.

The charges against Staples were the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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